



## “THE SKYCHASER”

South Dakota Wing Electronic Newsletter for October 2018

*Official Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force - Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond*

Publishers: Wing Commander Colonel David Small Jr. / Wing Vice Commander Lieutenant Colonel Buck DeWeese  
Editor: Lt. Col. Bruce Kipp • Wing Director of Public Affairs • (605) 261-4507 • bruce.kipp@sdcap.us

Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SDWingCAP](http://www.facebook.com/SDWingCAP) and Like us on Twitter at [@SDWingCAP](https://twitter.com/SDWingCAP)

### WING TIPS

• **MILLER AE OUTREACH:** On 3 October Capt. Tim Modde, Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese and Col. David Small flew a Cessna-182T from Pierre to Miller where they met up with 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Richard Rezac for an Aerospace Education (AE) outreach activity. DeWeese and Rezac stayed with the aircraft and showed the grade school and middle school pupils how everything worked, Tim, with David as his assistant, engaged the students in a paper airplane contest. The kids were divided into teams of five and each team’s task task was to create two airplanes; one for distance flight, the other for accuracy. Overall approximately 140 students participated. Prior to this activity Lt. Col. DeWeese gave Pierre C/SrA Chacey Hall an orientation flight.



• **NATIONAL COMEX:** On 24 October the SDWG successfully carried out a real-world air sortie as part of the quarterly national Department of Defense Communications Exercise (COMEX). The premise was that an

enormous solar flare knocked out all traditional long distance means of communications to include internet and phone. Infrastructure independent command and control communications resources were pressed into service. Nationwide, several CAP Wings were tasked with aerial reconnaissance and damage assessment as well as light transport of material and personnel during the communications-stressed event. Lt. Col. David Jeffries, resident in Box Elder, received the initial tasking message via HF/ALE radio. He relayed the message to Col. David Small, resident in Piedmont, via FM radio. Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, resident in Rapid City, was picked up to go to the airport to fly the visual/photographic reconnaissance sortie. A SDWG Cessna-182/G1000 was flown out of Rapid City with Lt. Col. Gary Hewett as Mission Pilot and Col. David Small as Mission Observer, to visually verify the status of a nearby target and report back by HF radio. The sortie was probably one of the shortest in Wing history lasting just 13 minutes. We successfully evaluated the status of the target and reported our finding back to Lt. Col. Jeffries via FM radio. He reported the sortie results up the chain to a successful closing of that sortie by NHQ. Many thanks to Col. Small, Lt. Col. Jeffries and Lt. Col. Hewett for SDWG's successful participation in this national COMEX.



- **CYBERPATRIOT SETS RECORD:** The Air Force Association's (AFA) CyberPatriot program announced today that it has registered a record 6,387 teams for its eleventh season of the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. CyberPatriot, the nation's largest and fastest growing youth cyber education program, is AFA's flagship STEM program dedicated to strengthening cyber skills among students. Civil Air Patrol teams compete in the All Services division along with JROTC programs and U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. The CyberPatriot-XI season, which has already begun training and practice rounds for teams worldwide, will hold Round One of the competition on November 2, 2018. The top 28 teams from the online rounds will travel to Baltimore, Md., for the

CyberPatriot-XI National Finals April 7-11, 2019. There, national finalists will have the opportunity to compete for national honors and scholarships, as well as the opportunity to network with industry sponsors.



- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS:** SDWG flew eight aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over seven days in October in support of the state's Department of Game, Fish & Parks (GF&P) and South Dakota State University (SDSU). Both organizations have continually ongoing research projects surveying mountain lions, bobcats, swift foxes, white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats. The result was a total of 25.4 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills. CAP pilots were: Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, 3 sorties; and Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese, 5 sorties. Depending whom the sortie supported the pilot was accompanied

by a representative from SDSU or from GF&P.

## STAFF NOTES



### **WING COMMANDER**

Col. David Small Jr., CAP

- **CAP NCO CORPS:** I know that we have quite a few active and retired NCOs who are members of the SDWG. CAP now has an active NCO program and I'd like for our wing to participate. Please let me know if

you are/were an NCO in any branch of service. Even if you would prefer to keep your "officer" grade I'd like to know who you are so that I can get a better understanding of our member composition. Also let me know if you are interested in helping form an NCA program in our wing. Contact me at [david.small@sdcap.us](mailto:david.small@sdcap.us)

- **WING STAFF CHANGES:** There are a few changes to our wing staff. Please join me in welcoming new staff members and thanking outgoing ones for their service:
  - C/Maj Annabelle Klosterman - FY 2019 **Cadet Advisory Council Chair** replaces C/2d Lt Julia Lair
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mimi Klosterman, **Director of Public Affairs** effective 1 November 2018, replaces Lt. Col. Bruce Kipp who will remain as assistant PA
  - SM Alfred Heinrich, **Transportation Officer**, replaces Capt. Matt Meert who will remain as assistant
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Matt Tennant, **Commander, Pierre Composite Squadron** replacing Capt. Jon Becker.



## **DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Col. Mary Donley, CAP

- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Squadron Leadership School (SLS) in Pierre on Saturday, 1 December, 0800-1700, at Pierre Composite Squadron HQ at the Pierre Mall. Contact Col Mary Donley at 605-321-8056 or [mary.donley@sdcap.us](mailto:mary.donley@sdcap.us).

## **SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS**

### **BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-058 – BROOKINGS)**

(Item and photo submitted by C/Maj Annabelle Klosterman)



- **COLOR GUARD:** On 6 October, our squadron's Color Guard presented the colors for a Monster Truck Jam in Sioux Falls. This is an event where monster trucks face off in three different forms of competition - racing, two-wheel skills, and freestyle. The stadium was full and the color guard presentation was a success.

## **CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068 – CUSTER)**

(Items and photo submitted by Capt. Bierwirth)



- **QCUA**: on 4 October Wing Commander Colonel David Small presented the 2017-2018 Civil Air Patrol Quality Cadet Unit award (QCUA) award to C/2d Lt Thomas Dillon, cadet commander, and Capt. Donald Weiand, Squadron Commander, for their vibrant and diverse cadet programs!

## **RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031 – RAPID CITY)**

(Items and photos submitted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Malisa Niles)

- **MODEL MAKERS**: The Rapid City Model Makers attended the 4 October meeting of the Rushmore cadets. During their visit, club members presented various completed model airplane projects and explained to the cadets the steps involved in model making. Cadets asked questions on how long it takes to complete a project and how scale works in model making. Club members encouraged the cadets to pick out a project in model making and the club would serve as mentors for the project. The Rushmore Cadets enjoyed all the projects showcased but picked the B-1 bomber with working lights as their favorite.



- **RAMSTEIN REUNION**: Rushmore Cadets had the opportunity to serve those who have served. Cadets hosted the registration table for the Ramstein Fighter Squadrons Reunion 10-13 October at the Ramkota Inn in Rapid City. The event was organized by CAP member and reunion attendee Col. Mike Beason. Rushmore Cadets welcomed and registered reunion attendees which included former fighter pilots and retired generals.



AT THE TABLE (L-R) ARE CADETS BANION NILES, JAMES RAGAINS, AND MATTHEW TRACY

## ★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

### Cadet Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Mariel Klosterman of Brandon, a member of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on her promotion to the rank of Cadet Major!



Congratulations to Austin King of Volga, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant!



Congratulations to Peter Willison of Sioux Falls, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant and receipt of the milestone Billy Mitchell Award!



### Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Micah Healy of Mitchell, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Andrew Smith of Sioux Falls, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Alec Crowser of Philip, a member of Pierre Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



## **Cadet Airman Promotions**



Congratulations to Austin Den Hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Abigail Williams and Emily Williams, both of Egan, SD and both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Jeremiah Jorenby of Brookings, a member Big Sioux Composite Squadron, to Ava Bleyenbergh of Hartford, Garbiel Healy and Mercy Healy, both of Mitchell, all four members of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



## ★ ★ **KUDOS** ★ ★



Congratulations to C/SrA Chancey Hall of Highmore and to C/AB Jayda Boxley of Pierre, both members of the Pierre Composite Squadron, who earned the Cadet Recruiter Ribbon for successfully recruiting two new members each.



## ★ ★ **MISSION FAILURE TO THE ISS** ★ ★

On 11 October the Soyuz MS-10 launch intended to deliver two crewmen to the International Space Station was aborted due to a booster rocket anomaly. The astronauts, NASA's Nick Hague and Roscosmos's Alexei Ovchinin, were to dock at the International Space Station six hours after the launch, but the Soyuz booster suffered an unspecified failure. Two and a half minutes after launch, the four clusters of engines that surround the rocket's core stage shut down and fell away as they are designed to do. The second stage central core, which was supposed to ignite and carry the crew further, failed. The crew capsule jettisoned from the booster and went into a ballistic descent, landing at a sharper than normal angle and subjecting the crew to heavy G-loads. The two astronauts were safe after the emergency landing in the steppes of Kazakhstan. Search and rescue teams were immediately scrambled to recover the crew and other paratroopers were dropped from a plane to reach the site and help the rescue effort. The Russian Soyuz spacecraft is currently the only vehicle for ferrying crews to the International Space Station following the retirement of the U.S. space shuttle fleet. Russia stands to lose that monopoly in the coming years with the arrival of the SpaceX "Dragon" and Boeing "Starliner" crew capsules.

